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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for **Intelligence**
Deputy Director for Operations
Deputy Director for Science and Technology
Deputy to the DCI for the Intelligence Community
Deputy to the DCI for National Intelligence Officers
Comptroller
Inspector General

SUBJECT : Freedom of Information Act Amendments

1. We mentioned at the 2 December briefing of the Management Committee on the 1974 Freedom of Information Act Amendments that we expected to receive guidance concerning the Act from the Department of Justice. We have now received a draft of such a guidance memorandum intended for heads of all Federal departments and agencies, and we are in the process of reviewing the draft in order to provide our comments to the Department of Justice. I believe the following quotation from the memorandum will be of particular interest to you:

"...Accordingly, consistent with other duties imposed upon an agency by law, agencies must adhere to these time limits if at all possible. To the extent this may involve an unavoidable conflict with the performance of other duly prescribed agency duties on which no time limit has been imposed by law, it should generally be assumed that first priority must be given to the processing of requests and appeals under the Act as amended...."

2. We will, of course, keep you advised through your representative to the Freedom of Information Act Working Group of all significant developments concerning the implementation of the amended Act.

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Deputy Director
for
Administration

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